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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER ON EHTIOPIA

1. ON MAY 28 FOREIGN MINISTER ABAILAH AL-ASNAJ INFORMED ME THAT BASED ON RECENT RELIABLE REPORT FROM YEMENI AMBASSADOR TO ETHIOPIA A GROUP OF LIBYAN MILITARY ADVISORS RECENTLY ARRIVED IN COUNTRY. ACCORDING TO AL-ASNAJ, YEMENI AMBASSADOR CLAIMED TO HAVE SPOKEN TO SEVERAL OF THESE LIBYANS AT A TOWN NEAR ADDIS ABABA CALLED NAZARET (SIC). AMBASSADOR SAID THAT THE LIBYANS RATIONALIZED THEIR PRESENCE IN ETHIOPIA TO HIM BY SAYING "IT'S BETTER THAN HAVING ISRAELIS HERE". AL-ASNAJ STATED THAT THE YEMENI MABASSADOR NOTED LIBYANS NOT ONLY ARE SUPPLYING MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO ETHIOPIAN REGIME BUT ARE ALSO ENGAGING IN PROPAGANDA WORK ON BEHALF OF QADHAFT'S VARIOUS POLITICAL POSITIONS.

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2. COMMENT: WE HAVE NO WAY OF COMMENTING ON VERACITY OF YEMENI AMBASSADOR. HIS REMARKS, HOWEVER, DO SEEM TO TIE IN WITH SOME OHTER REPORTING WE HAVE SEEN ON THE SUBJECT OF LIBYANS IN ETHIOPIA.
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